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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING PROTEIN
WITH THE USE OF MASS
SPECTROMETRY

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified

U.S. patent application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims

which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 39 of this paper.